



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **YOSHIMURA, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1775

Serial No.: 10/044,986

Examiner: **Arden B SPERTY**

Filed: **January 15, 2002**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 3531

For. **PROCESS FOR FORMING METAL LAYER ON SURFACE OF RESIN MOLDED PRODUCT**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND
STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(c)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 4, 2004

Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of the document is attached, together with a copy of an Office Action issued on April 30, 2004 in the corresponding Chinese patent application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after issuance of a first official action on the merits and expiration of the three month period following the filing date or the entry in the national stage for the above-captioned application, but prior to issuance of either a final official action, a Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

The undersigned hereby certifies

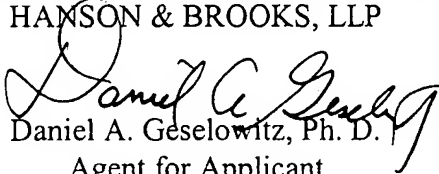
XX that each item of information contained in this statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document No.	Date	Country	Translation (Yes or No)
_____ AF 63-132632	6/04/88	Japan	No
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REQUEST FOR RETURN OF FORM PTO-1449

Commissioner for Patents
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November 4, 2004

Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on **June 4, 2004**. A copy of this Information Disclosure Statement is attached.

In the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner indicates that reference JP63-132632 has not been considered because it is in a foreign language and no English abstract has been submitted. Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's failure to consider the reference was improper, and that the original submission was in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a).

Specifically, 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) requires a concise statement of relevance for documents not in the English language. The concise statement of relevance is provided by the translated Chinese office action citing the reference, provided with the IDS filed on June 4, 2004. (See MPEP 609 III A(3)).

37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(ii) requires a copy of a translation "if a written English-language translation ... or a portion thereof, is within the possession, custody, or control of, or is readily available to any individual designated in 1.56(c)." A copy of a translation is therefore **not** required a translation is **not** within the possession, etc., of any individual designated in 1.56(c).

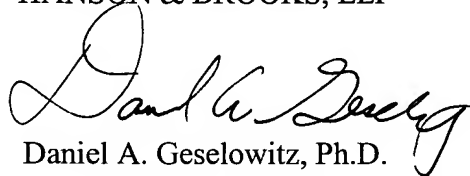
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return a copy of the Form PTO-1449 which accompanies the Information Disclosure Statement, marked to indicate that the reference listed therein has been considered by the Office.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned should he have any questions concerning this Request.

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Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the papers filed as indicated
in connection with the above-identified case.

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